A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*), (*b*) and (*c*)—

No loan has been sanctioned to Ramasamudra Municipality. This Municipality was amalgamated with Chamarajanagar Municipality with effect from 21st April 1954. A comprehensive water supply scheme for Chamarajanagar-Ramasamudra Municipality estimated to cost Rs. 12,60,300 as agreed to by the Municipal Council in July 1955, was sanctioned by Government in their Order No. L. 14904-09—ML. 48-55-52, dated 22nd February 1956, the entire amount being advanced as loan by Government subject to the usual conditions.

Trade Commissioner in London.

Q.—559. Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR (T.-Narasipur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the nature of work done by the Trade Commissioner at London in the year 1954-55 ;

(*b*) the total amount of money spent (1) for establishment, (2) for other expenses, during the year 1954-55 ;

(*c*) whether the office of the High Commissioner, India, can be entrusted with this work ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) (1) Canvassing, booking and finanlisation of sandalwood oil business in the U. K., Europe, the U.S.A, and South America.

(2) Circulation of enquiries for tenders and quotations for the various Departments and Industries of the Government throughout the world, on behalf of the Stores Purchase Committee and the Mysore Iron and Steel Works; and later, when orders are placed, to watch for their manufacture and prompt delivery, arrange for payment, shipment, insurance, etc., so that goods are received on the spot in good time.

		Rs.
(*b*) (1)	Establishment £ 4,317-8-10 or	57,566
(2)	Other expenses £ 1,917-13-11 or	25,136
	Total ...	82,702

(*c*) No.

BUDGET FOR 1956-57.

Demands for Grants.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Demand Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 17 will be taken up to-day.

DEMAND NO. 2—STATE EXCISE.

8. STATE EXCISE DUTIES.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 18,23,000 be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1957, in respect of 'State Excise Duties'."

Shall we fix up some time limit for each demand ?

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—We shall fix the time as follows :—

Demand No. 2—State Excise Duties : 1½ hours upto 5 o'clock.

Demand No. 3—Stamps : 15minutes,

Demand No. 5—Registration : 15 minutes.

Demand No. 17—Scientific Departments : 30 minutes.

3 P.M.

*Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN (Ulsoor).—Sir, the poliey of the Government with regard to the introduction of prohibition in the State needs the attention of this House. For the last three years or more, this House has been urging time